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Dear Mr. Austin,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the draft Action Plan for tax-credit affordable housing. Maysville has a tremendous need for affordable housing, and since Hurricane Florence, the demand has only increased as homes were destroyed throughout many areas of Jones County.

The Town of Maysville does not meet all the current (or proposed) amenities requirements to maximize site score points for new projects. Within the town limits, we have all the required amenities except for a pharmacy. We have a grocery store, dollar general, medical healthcare, public school, public park, public library, restaurants, and other services. Residents currently travel to either Pollocksville or Jacksonville to access a pharmacy as they have for many years. Even with the proposed two-mile allowance for amenities, no sites in Maysville will qualify with regard to the pharmacy.

We want Maysville to be competitive in future development opportunities and hope that NCHFA would consider some additional measures to assist very small towns within rural counties. We would suggest that the first amenity requirement is reduced to have just two, rather than three of these amenities within the minimum distance or some other consideration to overcome not having a pharmacy within two miles.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this letter and hope you can consider any changes in the action plan that would particularly help small towns like Maysville and other rural communities in meeting the needs for affordable housing.

Sincerely,

Schumata Brown
Town Manager